

REMARKS

Claims 3, 6, 7-18 are now pending in the application. Minor amendments have been made to the claims to simply overcome the objections and rejections of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 112. The amendments to the claims contained herein should not be considered a narrowing amendment. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection(s) in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 3-18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Reference is made to Official Action mailed October 6, 2003 in which the grounds for each of the various § 112 rejections is set forth.

In response, Applicant respectfully submits that the range of 10 µg/ml to about 2 mg/ml as recited in step (a) of the claim 3 is supported in the Table 1, wherein the different concentrations of glycosylation inhibitor, namely 2-deoxy-D-glucose has been given and studied in the growth medium.

Additionally, Applicant notes that the inventors have amended claims 3-18 as to make them definite and add clarity to the claim and its various steps.

Claim 6, as suggested by the Examiner, has been shifted and merged with step (b) of claim 3.

Lastly, Applicant notes that in the Table 3, control is represented by heading *Termitomyces clypeatus* (in absence of 2-deoxyglucose) giving an activity of 1.44. Table 3 also includes a comparison for productions of cellobiase for different organisms including those claimed under the present application.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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